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REQUEST

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2. How many patients' have a diagnosis of dementia, cognitive decline or delirium who identify as transgender?
3. Do you include the needs of transgender patients in any policies including – but not limited too - managing same sex accommodation, enhance care / close observation, supporting carers.

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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The Trust does not electronically record the transgender status of its patients. If a patient attends following / during gender reassignment, then the Trust will record the gender that they identify as. Indeed, following / during gender reassignment, patients would be assigned new hospital and NHS numbers, which are linked to the previous hospital and NHS number, to allow medical history to be continuous to allow the Trust to provide safe and effective care.

If it is relevant to the hospital visit that a patient is transgender, then this will be documented within the patients' Health Record. Resultantly we are unable to identify the figures requested without a manual review of patient records.

2. How many patients' have a diagnosis of dementia, cognitive decline or delirium who identify as transgender?

Please see response to question one.

3. Do you include the needs of transgender patients in any policies including – but not limited too - managing same sex accommodation, enhance care / close observation, supporting carers.

Yes, the Trust's 'Providing Same Sex Accommodation' policy provides clear guidance on where transgender patients should be nursed, and also advises on how gender variant treatment should be addressed. We also have a 'Caring for Transgender Patients' policy that addresses how and where transgender patients should be nursed and describes some of the potential issues transgender patients may face that are distinct to transgender patients i.e. transgender women who may read as male in the operating theatre department without make up or their wig.